



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Transit
Administration**

REGION IX
Arizona, California,
Hawaii, Nevada, Guam

201 Mission Street
Suite 2210
San Francisco, CA 94105
415-744-3133
415-744-2726 (fax)

REC'D PROGRAMS
FEB 19 1997

Mr. James W. van Loben Sels, Director
CALTRANS, 1120 N Street
Sacramento, California 95814

FEB 10 1997

Attention: Federal-aid Branch, Room 3500
for Mr. Garland Hagen

Re: SAAG TIP Amendment No. 1

Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

We have completed our review of Amendment Number 1 of the Stanislaus Area Association of Governments' (SAAG's) 1995/96 - 1997/98 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for inclusion into California's current Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). The Amendment was adopted by the SAAG Policy Board.

We find that this TIP Amendment is based on a continuing, comprehensive, coordinated transportation process in accordance with the provisions of 23 USC 134. Projects in this TIP Amendment are transit projects which do not affect SAAG's existing air quality conformity determination because the included projects are categorically exempt from a regional air quality analysis, and are consistent with the State Implementation Plan.

This letter also constitutes approval of the amended SAAG TIP for inclusion in California's 1996/97 - 1998/99 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP), with the understanding that FTA funding approval on individual projects is subject to the grantees meeting the necessary administrative requirements.

Sincerely,

Leslie Rogers
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration

cc: Tyann Dechambeau, FHWA District
David Stagnaro, SJVAPCD
Jay Norvell, Caltrans District 10